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## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST  
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 6/2/2021  
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### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Support RMC  
Office:  
Parish:  
Election Date: 8/15/2020  
Level of Office: Prop PAC

914 Pearl Street  
Franklinton, LA 70438

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 30-E  
Original Due Date: 7/16/2020  
Date Filed: 8/4/2020  
Activity Receipts: \$2,300.00  
Expenditures: \$124.75  
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$2,175.25

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$760  
Days Late: 19  
Late Fee Order Received: 3/8/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/28/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 3/18/2021  
Additional Information Requested:  
- Medical  
- Financial  
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request was faxed and mailed in by the chairman Mr. Richard Watts. He states that he acknowledges that the report was not timely filed but asked that the fine be reduced or eliminated. He states that when the committee was formed they appointed Michael Burris to prepare and file all reports. He said he forwarded information to Mr. Burris on 6/24/20 for the report due on 7/16/20. Due to some unknown reason beyond his knowledge or control circumstances in the office of Mr. Burris resulted in the report being filed late. All other reports were filed timely and the committee has been properly dissolved. The members of the committee and Mr. Burris undertook this enterprise as a public service in support of their local hospital and Mr. Burris charged no fees for his services.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

#### Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No  
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No  
Reassessed Late Fees: No

#### Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No

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March 17, 2021

*VIA FAX 225-381-7271 AND U.S. MAIL,  
CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED*

Louisiana Board of Ethics  
Campaign Finance  
P. O. Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

RE: *Late Fee Assessment/Support RMC*

Gentlemen:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



RICHARD W. WATTS

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June 24, 2020

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242 Alabama Avenue  
Bogalusa, LA 70427

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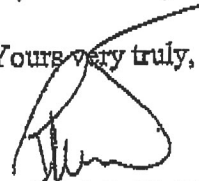
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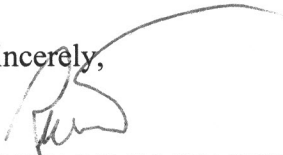
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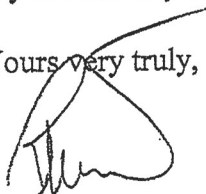
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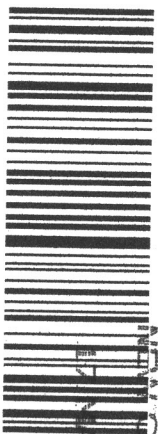
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